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CHECKLIST OF BIRDS OF THE SOUTHERN YUKON

Group 1 - YEAR ROUND RESIDENTS

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NOTE: The numbers following each bird indicate; first; the location in "A Field Guide to Western Birds" by Roger Tory Peterson, 1969, published by Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston, and second, the location in "Birds of North America" by Robbin, Bruun and Zim, 1966, published by Golden Press, New York.

For more complete reference, "Birds of Canada" by Godfrey, is available from Information Canada, Ottawa.

1. YEAR ROUND RESIDENTS

Date Seen	Location	Name
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— _____	_____	CHICKADEE, BLACK-CAPPED-212,214 (Uncommon in winter)
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— _____	_____	CHICKADEE, BOREAL-212,214 Attracted to feeders-any wooded area.
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— _____	_____	CROSSBILL, WHITE-WINGED-288,218 Spruce forests-do not confuse with Pine Grosbeak.
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— _____	_____	CROSSBILL, RED - 287,302 Permanent resident, erratic wanderer so sighting does not necessarily mean breeding.
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— _____	_____	DIPPER - 219,218 Streams-open water-walks under water-swims using wings in fast water.

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Date Seen	Location	Name
		GOSHAWK - 63,68 Heavy bush-large & robust-will attack if nest approached-do not confuse with Gyrfalcon.
		GROSBEAK, PINE - 284,296 Fairly common in winter-rosy color -forests-similar to White-winged Crossbill.
		GROUSE, BLUE - 80,84 Commonly seen during spring mating at Mile 50, Haines Road.
		GROUSE, RUFFED - 81,84 Mixed or deciduous woodland-males drum during spring mating & early summer.
		GROUSE, SHARPTAIL - 85,84 Aishihik Road, Pelly area, Dawson Road, especially Gravel Lake to Klondike Hill.
		GROUSE, SPRUCE - 81, 84 Very common during cycle peaks-spruce forests.
		GYRFALCON - 77,78 Largest true falcon-do not confuse with Goshawk-frequently open tundra -Dempster Highway, Haines Road Mile 75, etc.
		JAY, GRAY-(CANADA or WHISKEY JACK) -206, 210 Common year round in all forested areas.
		MAGPIE, BLACK-BILLED - 208,210 Uncommon but numbers gradually increasing in southern Yukon.

Date Seen	Location	Name
_____	_____	OWL, BOREAL - 164,164 Small, large-headed, earless, nocturnal owl.
_____	_____	OWL, GREAT GREY - 163,162 Largest owl-only confused with Great Horned but is earless-often hunts in daylight.
_____	_____	OWL, GREAT HORNED - 159,160 Only slightly smaller than Great Grey-has ear tufts-mostly nocturnal.
_____	_____	OWL, HAWK - 159,164 Long tail-sloped body while perched(hence name)-daytime hunter-very common.
_____	_____	PTARMIGAN, ROCK - 84,86 Above timberline, usually in rock slides-noisy when approached.
_____	_____	PTARMIGAN, WHITE-TAILED -84,86 Smallest ptarmigan-no black on tail.
_____	_____	PTARMIGAN, WILLOW - 84,86 Largest Ptarmigan-common in lower alpine willow & tundra.
_____	_____	RAVEN - 209, 212
_____	_____	WOODPECKER; BLACK-BACKED,THREE-TOED -188, 186
_____	_____	WOODPECKER, DOWNY - 186,186 Some migratory movement in winter.

Date Seen	Location	Name
_____	_____	WOODPECKER, HAIRY - 186,186 Uncommon in winter.
_____	_____	WOODPECKER, NORTHERN THREE-TOED -188, 186

2. SUMMER RESIDENTS ONLY

Date Seen	Location	Name
_____	_____	BLACKBIRD, REDWING - 268,280 Uncommon, recorded in southeast Yukon.
_____	_____	BLACKBIRD, RUSTY - 272,280 Very common, early spring & late fall migrant.
_____	_____	BLUEBIRD, MOUNTAIN - 232,234 Early spring migrant-unofficially recorded on Herschel Island.
_____	_____	COWBIRD, BROWN-HEADED - 273,282 Rare summer visitor-not officially recorded.
_____	_____	DUCK, COMMON GOLDENEYE - 49, 54 Common summer resident-some winter in open water at Whitehorse Rapids, Teslin outlet, Tagish River, etc.
_____	_____	DUCK, HARLEQUIN - 53,54 Uncommon-mostly Burwash area- nests near fast streams-casual winter resident-same as common goldeneye.
_____	_____	DUCK, MALLARD - 39,44 Common breeder throughout southern & central Yukon-frequents all quiet waters.

Date Seen	Location	Name
		DUCK, PINTAIL -40,46 Common throughout Yukon-frequents shallow bodies of fresh water.
		DUCK, GREATER SCAUP - 48,52 Diving duck-common throughout Yukon.
		DUCK, LESSER SCAUP - 49,52 Diving duck-common throughout Yukon-easily confused with Greater Scaup.
		DUCK, WHITE-WINGED SCOTER-55,58 Common throughout Yukon in more open waters.
		DUCK, SHOVELER - 45,48 Shallow, often muddy lakes & marshes.
		DUCK, BLUE-WINGED TEAL - 44,48 Rare summer resident.
		DUCK, GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 41,48 Smallest duck-common throughout Yukon.
		DUCK, AMERICAN WIDGEON -45,46 Common throughout southern & central Yukon.
		EAGLE, BALD - 73,76 Usually near water-do not confuse immature with Golden Eagle.
		EAGLE, GOLDEN - 72,76 Yukon is one of last strongholds of Golden Eagle-nest usually high cliff-NOTE: Eagle Rock on Campbell Highway.

Date Seen	Location	Name
		FALCON, PEREGRINE - 78,78 Uncommon to rare-a vanishing species-most traditional eyrie sites abandoned.
		FALCON, PIGEONHAWK - 78,78 Small falcon-usually habits open, wooded country.
		FALCON, SPARROWHAWK -79,78 Smallest falcon-brightly colored -nest in hole in tree.
		FINCH, GRAY-CROWNED ROSY -284,298 Alpine summits in southern & central Yukon.
		FINCH, PURPLE - 282, 296 Rare but recorded in Whitehorse and Rancheria.
		FLYCATCHER, HAMMOND'S - 196,200 Rare-no positive records for southern Yukon.
		FLYCATCHER, LEAST - 198,195 Uncommon but fairly widespread in southern Yukon.
		FLYCATCHER, OLIVE-SIDED - 200,202 Common-recorded north to Old Crow.
		FLYCATCHER, TRAILL'S - 195,198 Common-recorded north to Old Crow.
		GOOSE, CANADA - 32,40 Throughout Yukon-subspecies, B.c. parvipes 7-8 lbs,. B.c. taverneri-larger(northern Yukon).

Date Seen	Location	Name
		GREBE, HORNED - 8,20 Common.
		GREBE, RED-NECKED - 5,20 Common.
		GULL, BONAPARTE'S - 133,138 Common in southern Yukon-nest in coniferous trees-black head.
		GULL, HERRING - 130, 134 Common throughout Yukon.
		GULL, MEW - 131, 136 Smaller bill than herring-common in interior and northern Yukon.
		HAWK, HARLAN'S -65,72 Almost identical to Red-tailed & said by some to be a subspecies.
		HAWK, MARSH - 73,68 Very common throughout Yukon-note white at base of tail & up-swept wings.
		HAWK, RED-TAILED - 64,70 Common in southern Yukon.
		HAWK, ROUGH-LEGGED - 70,70 Mostly northern but a rare summer visitor in southern Yukon.
		HAWK, SHARP-SHINNED -63,68 Common but not frequently seen -bird of the forest.
		HAWK, SWAINSON'S - 68,72 Occurs rarely near Whitehorse, Carcross, Dawson-no breeding records in Yukon.

Date Seen	Location	Name
		JUNCO, SLATE-COLORED -298,314 Very common-beautiful spring mating song from treetops-otherwise voice only a single chirp.
		KINGFISHER, BELTED -177,179 Common along all waterways containing small fish.
		KINGLET, GOLDEN-CROWNED - 235,236 Uncommon in southern Yukon.
		KINGLET, RUBY-CROWNED - 235,236 Breeds widely in southern Yukon.
		LARK, HORNED - 202, 204 Common on open tundra throughout Yukon-many thousands pass through Whitehorse on their way north in spring.
		LOON, ARCTIC - 4,18 Rare in south but breeding records exist.
		LOON, COMMON - 3,18 Common throughout Yukon.
		MERGANSER, COMMON - 60,60 Southern & central Yukon.
		MERGANSER, RED-BREASTED - 60,60 Common throughout Yukon-north to Arctic Coast.
		NIGHTHAWK - 168,168 Evening mosquito catcher-fairly common around Whitehorse.
		NUTHATCH, RED-BREASTED -217,220 North to Fort Selkirk-some may winter here also.

Date Seen	Location	Name
_____	_____	OSPREY- 76,76 Uncommon but wide distribution -Snafu (2 pr.), Tarfu, Nisutlin Bay, most larger lakes.
_____	_____	OWL, LONG-EARED - 163,160 A rare visitor-nocturnal-identified Marsh Lake, fall 1970.
_____	_____	OWL, SHORT-EARED - 163,160 Active in daylight-common through- out Yukon.
_____	_____	PEWEE, WESTERN WOOD - 200,202 Southern Yukon.
_____	_____	PHOEBE, SAYS - 194,196 Common throughout Yukon.
_____	_____	PIPIT, WATER - 236,238 Usually rocky alpine meadows.
_____	_____	PLOVER, KILDEER - 101,112 Rare, no positive identification -habitat, open meadows.
_____	_____	PLOVER, SEMI-PALMATED -100, 112 Frequents mud flats & open edges of ponds-common.
_____	_____	PLOVER, UPLAND -108,116 (Really a sandpiper)-uncommon -Duke River, Hutshi Lake-sandy, grassy flats.
_____	_____	REDPOLL, COMMON - 285,298 Common in spring.
_____	_____	REDSTART, AMERICAN - 261,274 Rare, sightings at Morley River & Watson Lake.

Date Seen	Location	Name
_____	_____	SANDPIPER, LEAST - 116,124 Uncommon breeder but common migrant.
_____	_____	SANDPIPER, SOLITARY - 109,116 Water edges near woodlands.
_____	_____	SANDPIPER, SPOTTED - 109,106 Very common-usually near water.
_____	_____	SAPSUCKER, YELLOW-BELLIED -184,184 Mostly S.E. Yukon-uncommon around Whitehorse & west.
_____	_____	SHRIKE, NORTHERN - 239,242 Not plentiful-look for shrikes in open woodlands.
_____	_____	SISKIN, PINE - 286,300 Usually in flocks even during mating & nesting season-prefers conifer forests.
_____	_____	SNIPE, COMMON - 105,126 Listen for the hollow tremolo mating sound high in the air in spring.
_____	_____	SOLITAIRE, TOWNSEND'S - 233,230 Throughout Southern Yukon.
_____	_____	SPARROW, BREWER'S - 300,316 Uncommon- S.W. Yukon (Kluane region
_____	_____	SPARROW, CHIPPING - 299, 318 Common in open woodlands & thickets
_____	_____	SPARROW, FOX - 304,322 A large sparrow of open woods & thickets-song delightful-Tagish River, Marsh Lake, Little Atlin, Nisutlin River & Teslin Lake.

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		SPARROW, GOLDEN-CROWNED - 303,320 South-east Yukon-Sheldon Lake, possibly as far west as Whitehorse.
		SPARROW, LINCOLN'S - 305,322 Common but elusive-alder patches & meadows.
		SPARROW, SAVANNAH - 290,308 Common-feeds & nests on the ground.
		SPARROW, SONG - 305,322 Probably our commonest sparrow -sings throughout spring & most of summer.
		SPARROW, TREE - 299,318 Throughout Yukon but more plentiful in Arctic.
		SPARROW, WHITE-CROWNED -302,320 Very common-in open woods & thickets.
		SPARROW, WHITE-THROATED - 304,320 Southeast Yukon (breeds in Watson Lake area).
		STARLING - 240,242 Rare but range still expanding -Whitehorse dump, Johnson's Crossing.
		SWALLOW, BANK - 204,206 Very common-nests in colonies in cliffs of soft clay & sand.
		SWALLOW, BARN - 204,204 Southern Yukon-buildings & cliffs -do not confuse with cliff swallow.

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		SWALLOW, CLIFF -205,204 Colonies of up to thousands -buildings & bridges-tail shorter & more square than barn swallow.
		SWALLOW, TREE -203,206 Will use bird boxes.
		SWALLOW, VIOLET GREEN - 198,206 Central & western Yukon.
		SWAN, TRUMPETER -31,38 Any swans nesting in southern Yukon are likely to be Trumpeters -Tagish River in April.
		TATTLER, WANDERING - 110,116 High mountains of central & southwest Yukon-extent of breeding range unknown.
		TERN, ARCTIC - 136,142 Very common-all waters with suitable nesting sites & feed.
		THRUSH, GRAY-CHEEKED - 229,232 Song similar to veery but rises at end.
		THRUSH, HERMIT - 228,232 Considered finest singer in North America-usually sings in evening-coniferous or mixed deciduous forests-southern Yukon.
		THRUSH, SWAINSON'S -228,232 All wooded parts of Yukon-song similar to hermit but not as impressive.

Date Seen	Location	Name
_____	_____	THRUSH, VARIED - 228,230 Orange breast similar to robin -forests, preferably shady & damp.
_____	_____	VIRIO, WARBLING - 244,248 Extreme S.E. Yukon-not recorded north of Atlin.
_____	_____	WARBLER, BLACKPOLL - 256,266 Throughout Yukon.
_____	_____	WARBLER, MYRTLE - 252,260 Probably most common Warbler -throughout Yukon.
_____	_____	WARBLER, ORANGE-CROWNED -248,256 Common-throughout Yukon.
_____	_____	WARBLER, PALM - 257,268 Rare, identified near Burwash.
_____	_____	WARBLER, TENNESSEE- 262,256 Southern Yukon-Kathleen, Hutshi, Watson Lakes.
_____	_____	WARBLER, TOWNSEND'S - 253,262 Southern Yukon-to Rose Lake.
_____	_____	WARBLER, WILSON'S - 260,274 Common throughout Yukon-nests on ground.
_____	_____	WARBLER, YELLOW - 251,260 Common.
_____	_____	WATERTHRUSH, NORTHERN -257,250 Throughout Yukon.

Date Seen	Location	Name
_____	_____	WAXWING, BOHEMIAN - 237,240 Common in summer-rarely in winter in Whitehorse area.
_____	_____	WHEATEAR - 232,230 Rare in southern Yukon-common north of Ogilvie Mountains-found in open, stoney tundra.
_____	_____	WOODPECKER, YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER. - 178,180 -Very common-breeds from tree limit (Firth River) south.
_____	_____	YELLOWTHROAT - 259,270 Fairly common north to Pelly.
_____	_____	YELLOWLEGS, LESSER - 111,118 Common throughout Yukon-when disturbed generally perches on top of conifer & scolds.

3. SPRING AND FALL MIGRANTS

_____	_____	BUNTING, SNOW - 307,324 Early spring migrant (usually the first)-sometimes a few winter in the southern Yukon.
_____	_____	CRANE, SANDHILL - 93,100 Main migration route is Pelly River Valley-sometimes flocks rest at Nisutlin Bay.
_____	_____	DOWITCHER, LONG-BILLED - 117,118 Uncommon migrant-breeds along Arctic Coast.
_____	_____	DUCK, CANVASBACK - 47,52 Uncommon to rare-breeds throughout most of Yukon.

Date Seen	Location	Name
		DUCK, SURF SCOTER - 55,58 Breeds on north coast-do not confuse with White-winged Scoter.
		GOOSE, SNOW - 36,42 Uncommon migrant (most use MacKenzie Valley)-an estimated 500,000 stage on Yukon's North Slope in fall, feeding on cranberries.
		GOOSE, WHITE-FRONTED - 36,42 Common migrant with Canada Geese-(also called Cackling Goose).
		JAEGER, LONG-TAILED - 126,130 Rare-breeds on north coast-a few may be seen along Dempster Highway in summer (probably non-breeders).
		JAEGER, PARASITIC - 125,130 Same as long-tailed (do not confuse the two).
		LONGSPUR, LAPLAND -306,324 Early spring migrant-travels in large flocks-nests in high Arctic.
		LONGSPUR, SMITH'S - 307,324 Occasional migrant-breeds in Arctic.
		LOON, YELLOW-BILLED - 3,18 Rare-difficult to distinguish from Common Loon-nests on north coast.
		PHALAROPE, NORTHERN - 124,126 Margins of fresh water, ponds & streams-some may breed in southern Yukon.

Date Seen	Location	Name
		PLOVER, BLACK-BELLIED - 104,110 Rare transient in Yukon-do not confuse with Golden Plover.
		REDPOLL, HOARY - 285,298 Rare-breeds in northern Yukon-winters over most of breeding range but may be seen in south.
		SANDERLING - 122,122 Very rare migrant-recorded only in fall.
		SANDPIPER, BAIRD'S - 113,124 Fairly common spring & fall migrant
		SANDPIPER, PECTORAL - 112, 122 Uncommon migrant.
		SANDPIPER, SEMI-PALMATED - 120,124 Common migrant.
		SANDPIPER, STILT - 117,118 Fairly common spring & fall migrant.
		SANDPIPER, WESTERN - 121,124 Rare migrant mainly in fall.
		SWAN, WHISTLING - 31, 38 Common locally in spring-Tagish River, Marsh Lake, Swan Lake (near Swift River), Kluane River.

4. WINTER RESIDENTS ONLY

		OWL, SNOWY - 159,162 Rare late fall migrant or winter resident.

The following provides space for birds not included in the preceding check list. Any positive identifications should be relayed to the Yukon Game Branch or Canadian Wildlife Service along with as much additional information as possible, regarding location and identification marks.

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